

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, January 5, 2022  
9:00 AM PST

**Day 1 (Wednesday):** Gusty northwest to northeast winds of 20 to 30 mph with local gusts to 55 mph are expected across the mountains of Southern California through Wednesday evening, highest over the Kern County mountains

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# **WEATHER KEY POINTS**

**01/05/22 - 01/11/22**

## **Wednesday**

- Gusty north or northwest winds of 20 to 30 mph with local gusts to 55 mph are expected in the mountains of Southern California through Wednesday evening, with the strongest winds expected across the Kern County mountains
  - Locations most impacted include Interstate 5 through the Grapevine, Highway 58 through and below Tehachapi Pass, and Highway 178 through and below Walker Pass
- A few light showers are also expected across far northwest California through tonight, though with no significant impacts

## **Thursday - Tuesday**

- One more storm system remains on track to bring mainly light to moderate precipitation across northern and central California later Thursday night and Friday, along with a round of gusty winds of 40-60 mph across much of northern California and the Sierra
  - Snow levels will drop to between 4,500 and 5,500 feet across northern California, with impacts to travel possible at times due to snow and some blowing snow as well
  - This will be a rather fast-moving storm, limiting significant impacts, though gusty winds may lead to some downed trees and power outages, while briefly heavier lower elevation rainfall across northwest California could bring a few rock or mudslides
- Dry weather will make a return statewide into the weekend and early next week, along with lighter winds for most areas, though some locally breezy conditions are possible at times across the southern California mountains



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

01/05/22 - 01/11/22

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	Inland/ Southern		Coastal/ Inland				
<b>Snow</b>			Inland				
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)			Coastal				
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding/ Debris Flow</b>			Coastal/ Inland				
<b>Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



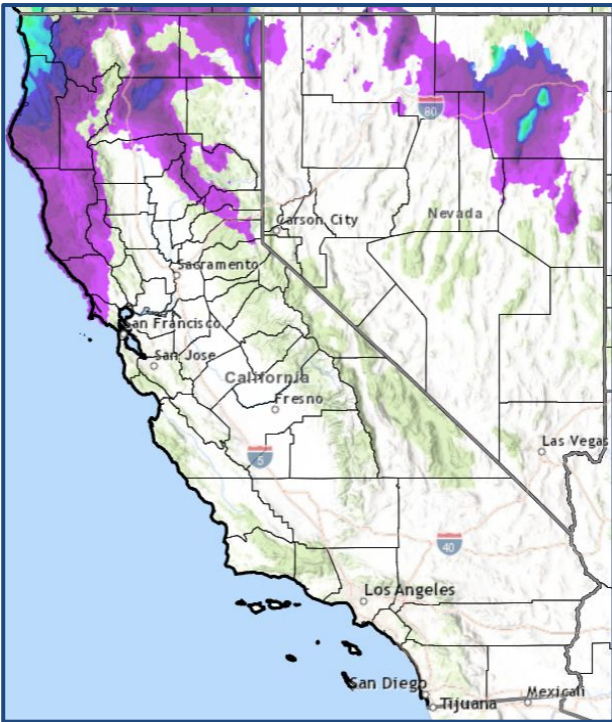
Moderate Impacts



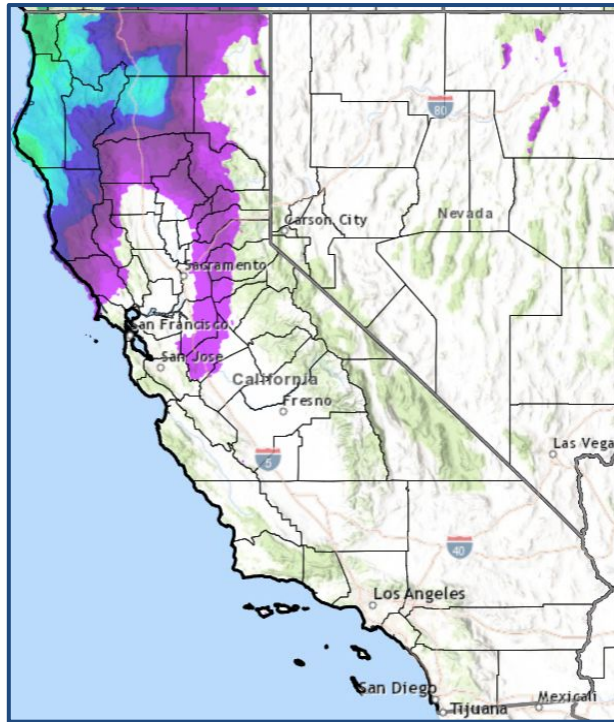
Severe Impacts

# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

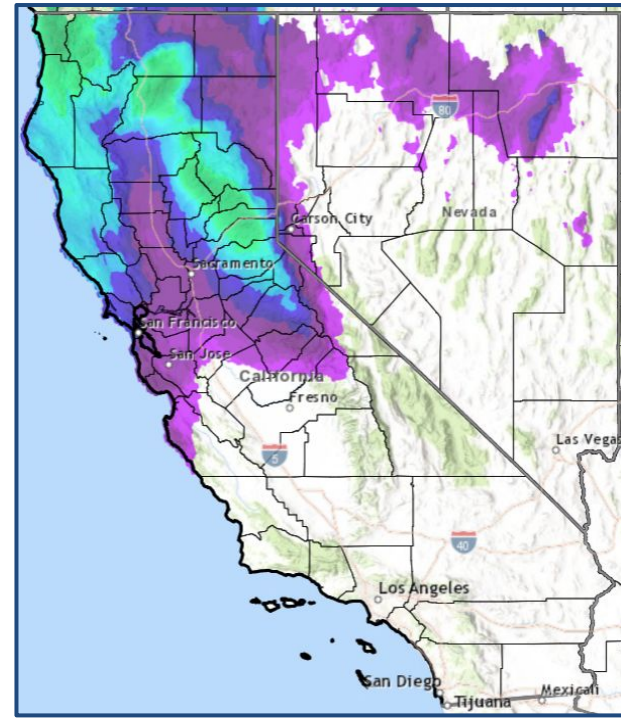
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**Tuesday**



**Wednesday**



**Thursday**

**Note:** Forecast precipitation amounts are an average for any particular location. Thunderstorms may produce locally higher rainfall amounts.

**Precipitation (inches)**



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**01/10/22 - 01/18/22**

## **6-10 Day Outlook (January 10 – January 14)**

### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures are favored across much of the state, except for areas along and east of the Sierra where near normal readings are favored

### **Precipitation**

- Below normal precipitation is favored statewide

## **8-14 Day Outlook (January 12 – January 18)**

### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures are favored statewide

### **Precipitation**

- Below normal precipitation is once again favored statewide



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